1	2
Coimbatore	2
Erode	1
GRAND TOTAL:	34

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Opposition to the merger of Air India and Indian

286. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the merger of Air India and Indian;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some employees unions have opposed the merger; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes/ Sir. The Government has decided to merge the two airlines with a new. company. For this purpose, a new company, National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL) has been incorporated on 30.3.2007. The legal and procedural formalities for merger would be completed shortly and the complete merger of the two airlines is expected to be effected in a phased manner over the next two years.

(c) and (d) Some employee unions have submitted a representation expressing their concerns on the merger. On receipt of the representation, Government had invited the concerned Unions/Associations on 27.07.2007 and had allayed their apprehensions and reiterated that all employees would remain unaffected as a result of the merger.

New aviation policy

†287. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new aviation policy has been formulated by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Defence have raised some objections with regard to the newly laid policy; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.